

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2071 – HB 2209

March 2, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Directs the Department of Health (DOH) to recognize hospitals that meet the criteria of a ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) receiving center or STEMI referring center and publish a list on the Division of Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) website. Requires the hospital seeking recognition to submit a written notification to the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities (HCF) and submit proof that the hospital meets the applicable criteria. Requires each ambulance service to develop and implement pre-hospital care protocol plans related to the assessment, treatment, and transport of STEMI heart attack patients by licensed emergency medical services personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013787): Adds language to the proposed legislation that allows the DOH to recognize certification from a department-approved nationally recognized certifying organization as sufficient to recognize a hospital as a STEMI receiving center or a STEMI referring center. Deletes language requiring pre-hospital care protocol to occur "within a specified timeframe of onset of symptoms" and replaces it with language requiring the protocol to be based on nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DOH, the EMS department is equipped with STEMI; therefore, any fiscal impact is assumed to be not significant.
- The Board of HCF can review and approve hospitals to develop, maintain, and publish the STEMI centers list to the website utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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- The Board of EMS can promulgate rules to enforce ambulance service STEMI patient protocol plans during normal board activities; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The Board of HCF and the Board of EMS are required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Board. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the General Appropriations Act.
- Any change in expenditures of the Boards is estimated to be not significant.
- The HCF Board had a deficit of \$388,117 in FY15-16 and a deficit of \$161,129 in FY16-17.
- The EMS Board had a deficit of \$75,077 in FY15-16 and a deficit of \$113,546 in FY16-17.
- Any fiscal impact on counties and municipalities is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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